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SUBJECT:US-USSR CONSULTATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR TENTH
ASSEMBLY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION

1. FOLLOWING PARAS 2-6 WERE SENT TO EMBASSY ON 20 AUG.
AS STATE 198629. NEED REPLY ASAP BECAUSE TIME REMAINING
TO OBTAIN VISA GROWING SHORT. IF SOVIETS CANNOT MEET
WITH BROWN IN SEPT., VISIT IN EARLY OCTOBER MIGHT REPEAT
MIGHT BE ARRANGED.

2. IOC TENTH ASSEMBLY (27 OCT-10 NOV 77) WILL DISCUSS
NUMEROUS ISSUES WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE OF STRONG MUTUAL
INTEREST TO US AND USSR. U.S. CONSIDERS THAT PRIOR
CONSULTATION ON THESE ISSUES WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO U.S.
AND USSR OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR ASSEMBLY.
EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO APPROACH DR. VITALI V.
SLADKOV, STATE COMMITTEE ON OCEANOGRAPHY, TO INITIATE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH CONSULTATION.

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3. DEPT. SUGGESTS EMBASSY FIRST RAISE QUESTION WITH
SLADKOV AND THEN INQUIRE IF KEY SOVIETS PLAN TO VISIT
U.S. OR WESTERN EUROPE AT A TIME PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY WHICH
WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS. SUCH KEY
OFFICIALS IN OUR VIEW WOULD INCLUDE ADMIRAL A.I. RASSOKHO
(HEAD OF HYDROMET, LENINGRAD), SLADKOV, AND DR. VLADIMIR P.

GRUZINOV (STATE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE), ALTHOUGH SLADKOV MIGHT NAME OTHERS. IF ANSWER IS POSITIVE, INFORM SLADKOV THAT U.S. WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THESE OFFICIALS DURING THEIR TRAVEL.

4. IF ANSWER IS NEGATIVE, PLEASE INFORM SLADKOV THAT LOUIS B. BROWN (NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION) PLANS TO VISIT IOC STAFF IN PARIS 14-17 SEPT. IF SLADKOV AND/OR GRUZINOV COULD ARRANGE TO VISIT PARIS AT THAT TIME, BROWN WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS BROAD RANGE OF IOC ISSUES (SEE PARA 5 BELOW) WITH THEM.

5. IF BOTH OF ABOVE ALTERNATIVES ARE NOT WORKABLE, BROWN WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT MOSCOW FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS ON TWELTH AND/OR THIRTEENTH OF SEPTEMBER OR ON NINETEENTH OF SEPTEMBER, PREFERABLY THE FORMER, PROVIDED THAT USSR CAN ISSUE VISA FOR BROWN IN TIME AVAILABLE.

6. TOPICS WHICH U.S. PROPOSES FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS ARE: (A) FUTURE OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD OR SIMILAR BODY; (B) IOC ADOPTION OF RULES FOR IOC SU0SIDIARY BODIES NOW INCLUDED IN ANNEX V TO REPORT OF IOC EIGHTH ASSEMBLY; (C) JOINT IOC-WMO 'ORKING COMMITTEE FOR IGOS; (D) PLANS FOR FUTURE IOC INVOLVEMENT IN COORDINATION OF RESEARCH IN WESTERN PACIFIC; (E) ELECTIONS OF IOC CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL; AND (F) UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED BY IOC SECRETARIAT FOR ASSEMBLY DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS. CHRISTOPHER

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